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Dear George:

I have just returned from a trip to Britain to find your letter of March 7. I am delighted to hear of your result on H_2 ^{a/s} segregation, and especially that you are working with precisely known alleles. What is the ploidy of the changed types? Mitchison has been doing some roughly comparable experiments, but finds now that the compatibility change (though it occurs readily only in heterozygous cells) has been accompanied by hyperploidy, which greatly complicates the interpretation. (Perhaps this is in your reprint, which Crow ~~has~~ borrowed from me).

As to the Congress, of course I will be glad to help you in any way I can, though the major population of transformists has been pretty well fixed for a few years. In a tentative way, I would like to tell you that I would be very happy to participate myself, especially if the Congress can provide my fare and Esther can can some subsidy elsewhere. However there are several complications which prevent a fixed commitment now:

1) I will be remarkably busy during the next year, through about the summer of 1958: a) a 3-4 months trip to Australia on a Fulbright b) the organization of a new Medical Genetics department here c) the possibility of moving to Berkeley, which if it happens would probably be about the time of the Congress or a little later.

2) A symposium on 'medical genetics' we are having here in April 1958

3) The Genetics Congress, which will be at Montreal in August 1958.

But if I may ask you to make preliminary arrangements on my behalf, especially in re the travel funds, I will make every effort to arrange to come. However, it would be impossible for me to make an irrevocable commitment now.

We will be in Madison until the end of July: if there is any possibility of your visiting, please do not ignore it. With a little time, I am sure we could also finance your extra travel.

I had heard some talk (mostly Hilary Koprowski's hopes, in the course of a parallel bid to me) that you might be coming to the States more permanently. Is this settled—do you have your professorship and appurtenances of same now?

Sincerely,

